



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Health Care Authority, Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) – PEBB Admin # 2012-01

Subject of possible rule making: PEBB rules related to enrollment in chapter 182-08 WAC; eligibility in chapter 182-12 WAC; and appeals in chapter 182-16 WAC.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.160

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

1. The HCA will consider amendments to PEBB rules to provide additional clarity in rules that address the following:
 - Eligibility for Blind Vendor and Commissioners as it relates to retiree insurance
 - Certain special open enrollment circumstances
 - Eligibility for surviving dependents and the dependents of a surviving dependent
 - Domestic partner eligibility
 - When coverage ends for an employee whose appeal of a dismissal is upheld
 - Consequences for not submitting notice within sixty days of any dependent ceasing to be eligible
 - Dependent eligibility with respect to stepchildren
 - What occurs if the PEBB Appeals Committee does not render a decision within thirty days of a notice of appeal
 - When coverage ends for employees who cease to be eligible for PEBB retiree insurance
 - Eligibility of elected and full-time appointed state officials for PEBB retiree insurance coverage
 - Appeals related to application for auto/home and long-term care insurance
2. Adopt rules related to the application process and participation requirements for Employer Groups.
3. HCA will conduct a full review of PEBB Program rules in these chapters and make changes as necessary to provide technical corrections, implement legislation and to comply with federal or state regulations.
4. Adopt rules to implement a Wellness program.
5. Consider how the agency handles underpayment for medical and dental premiums.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
N/A

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
☐ Pilot rule making
☐ Agency study
☒ Other (describe) Stakeholder mailing and public hearing.

HCA welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, HCA will file a notice of proposed rule-making (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

Individuals wishing to receive PEBB rule making notices are encouraged to join our LISTSERV, PEBB-RULE-MAKING-NOTICE, via this link <http://listserv.wa.gov/archives/pebb-rule-making-notice.html> or by logging on to listserv.wa.gov and selecting our LISTSERV from the Public E-mail List. If you have questions about this rulemaking, contact Barbara Scott at (360)725-0830 or Rob Parkman at (360)725-0883 or at the address below.

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